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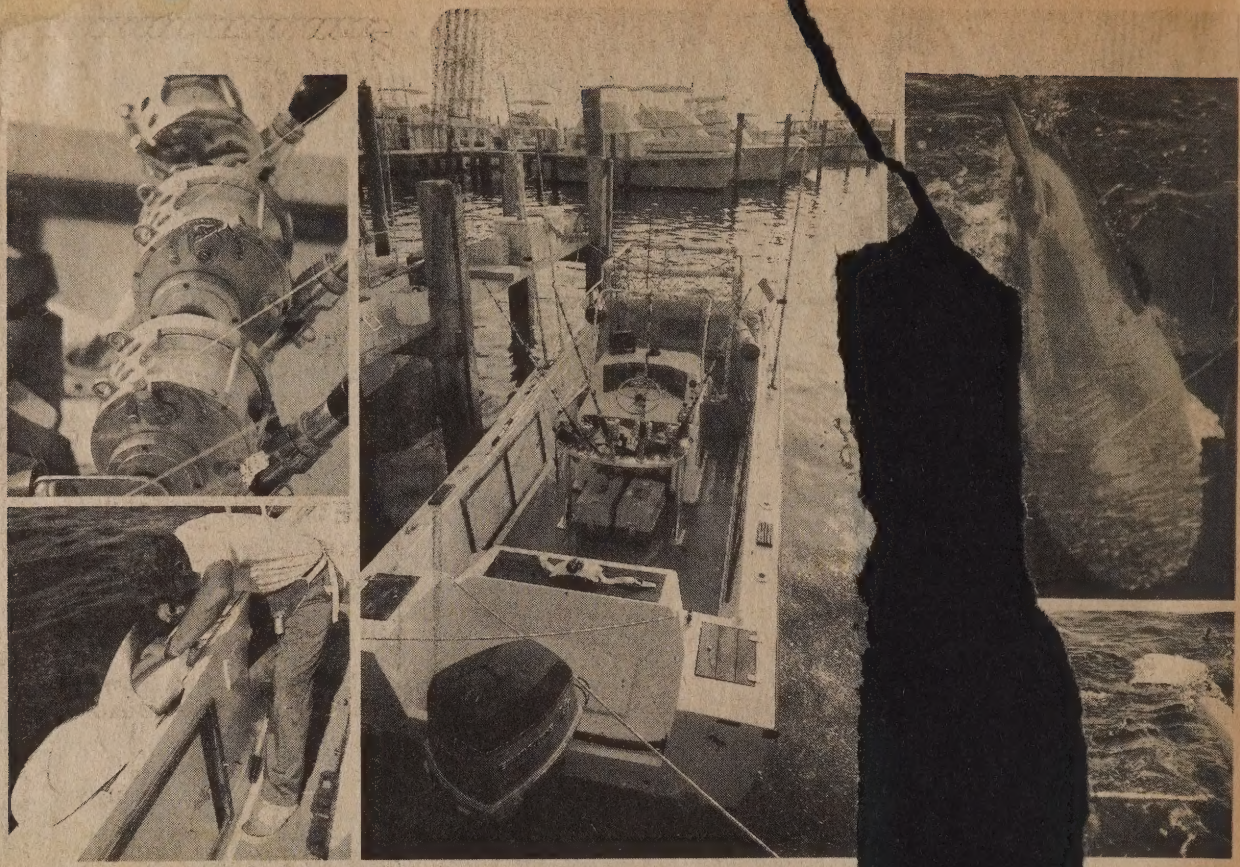

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Jeanette and Christina Simons (right) with the 2¾ pound flounder Chris caught in Lake Montauk this October. Fall fish are fatter and more aggressive than those caught in the spring, as discussed in the article by Scott Simons on page 12.

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OOPS! WE GOOFED ON L.I. SOUND GILL NETS

Reference is made to the November 2, 1978 issue of **The Long Island Fisherman** and your reply to glen Musano of St. James, N.Y. regarding gillnetting in Long Island Sound.

Please be advised that the N.Y.S. Fish and Wildlife Law, Section 13-0343 15.c. states, "Gill nets shall not be used in Long Island Sound west of an imaginary line extending north from the easterly boundary of the Town of Brookhaven on the north shore of Long Island in the County of Suffolk."

Citizens who witness apparent violations of the Fish and Wildlife Law should promptly report such violations to Conservation Law Enforcement at the N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation's Regional Office at Stony Brook, telephone: (516) 751-7900, ext. 232, weekdays from 8:30 to 4:45, or to the nearest local Conservation Officer whose listing is found in the telephone book's white page directory under N.Y.S. Dept. of Environmental Conservation. **Chester S. Zawacki, N.Y.S. Dept. of Environmental Conservation (Marine Div.)**

M.E.C.L.I. RECYCLE DRIVE

The monthly recycle drive of the Marine Environmental Council of Long Island will be held Saturday, November 18 from 10AM to 4PM, at the Pathmark parking field on Merrick Road in Seaford. Look for the Ecology flag.

Materials collected are: newspapers and magazines (tied or untied), aluminum cans and car batteries.

Attention All Fishing Clubs! SALTWATER LICENSE? WEAKFISH GILLNET BILL?

The saltwater fishing license and the weakfish gillnet bill are two of the topics up for discussion at the annual meeting of The New York Sportfishing Council. Any and all fishermen interested in these pending issues are welcome to attend. Each fishing club wishing to be represented on the Council is asked to send a representative. Please contact Bob Hunt at (561) 242-3821 for information.

The annual meeting is open to all concerned fishermen. It will be held at the board room of the West Hills Elementary School in South Huntington. The school is at the end of Weston Street which runs west of Rt. 110 directly across from Walt Whitman Shopping Center. This meeting will be held Monday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m.

NOTES FROM THE MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

Important Meetings

Saturday, November 18, 9AM-5PM Stony Brook University, Student Union Building. "L.I. Economic Development: Community Perspectives Conference" sponsored by Community Coalition for Economic Development, an attempt to bring environmental and economic survival (for people, not just corporations!) to the "LI at the Crossroads" debate. For more info, contact Hugh Clelland, 751-0360. It will include an "Energy and Environment" workshop. To help with resource people and literature, call Friends of LI at 785-3139 (environment) or PEP (energy) 798-0778.

Saturday, Dec. 2, Stamford, Ct. All day conference on environmental problems confronting L.I. Sound. For more info, including transportation from L.I., write L.I. Sound Task Force, Stamford Marine Center, Magee Ave., Stamford, Conn. 06902.

MECLI Meets With Baymen

John Finkenberg attended a meeting of the Brookhaven Baymen's Association on September 22 and presented the MECLI Story. The Baymen's Association was receptive to MECLI's concern for the marine environment and supports our activities in this area. Our mutual goal of a clean bay environment will be the basis for future joint efforts and combined support for both organizations. Speakers on Long Island's marine environment are available to all organizations.

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Carey's Change in Opinion

Governor Carey has publicly proposals to construct a Long Island Sound Bridge in the past, saying it could not be done without harming the environment. However, Governor Carey has recently directed the NYS Transportation Dept. to undertake a feasibility study of such a bridge.

MECLI is alarmed with Carey's recent change of position concerning the bridge.

Why just now? Does Governor Carey feel he can win an election by backtracking on former positions? We want to support Carey in his original position against the bridge and urge our readers to write Gov. Carey to reconsider his new position.

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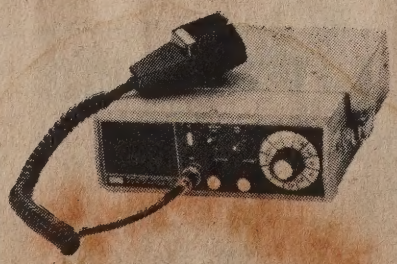

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NATIONAL SCENE

NEWS & NOTES ON THE WORLD OF FISHING
with Al Ristori

Game Fish Tagging Statistics Encouraging

Anglers continued a high level of participation last year in the Cooperative Game Fish Tagging Program which is conducted jointly by the NOAA/NMFS Southeast Fisheries Center in Miami, and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts. A total of 2,674 fish of twenty-eight species were tagged in the western North Atlantic, of which 1,838 were billfish and 515 tunas.

As usual, sailfish led the way. The 1977 total of 1,405 was just a bit less than the previous year's record of 1,484. Sailfish tagging reached a new high in south Florida (paced by 178 tagged sailfish in the four-day Stuart Sailfish Club Light Tackle Tournament), but fell off sharply in Cozumel, where fishing was relatively poor last spring. Sailfish tag returns hit a new high at thirty. Tag returns seem to indicate that there are two wintering populations of sailfish. One is found in the vicinity of the Straits of Florida; while the other frequents the eastern Caribbean. Both groups seem to disperse to the north and west during the summer, though many individuals never leave the wintering area.

Poor white marlin fishing in the Middle Atlantic Bight during 1977 resulted in only 291 of these great fighters being tagged. Ten tags were returned, and they confirmed the suspected migratory pattern of white marlin in our area. Fish summering in the Middle Atlantic Bight apparently move eastward in late summer and fall, and then turn southward to their wintering grounds off the northern coast of South America. The return in the spring involves several routes. Some move along the Atlantic side of the West Indies and Bahamas; while others pass through the Yucatan Channel and the Straits of Florida. Some whites found in the Gulf of Mexico may not follow this pattern. A tag return this year indicates that there may be a permanent population in the Gulf, as well as migratory whites from the wintering grounds. Blue marlin are pretty hard to come by, and as a result, relatively few are tagged. However, anglers did tag 134 last year, with 60% of those coming from the summer fishery in the Virgin Islands. One captain, Gary Richardson, accounted for thirty-eight himself! As hard as it is to get blue marlin tagged, it's even more difficult to get tag returns from this oceanic wanderer. That latter point was proven by the single tag return in 1977. A blue tagged off St. Thomas, Virgin Islands on August 9, 1976 was captured by a French tuna longliner in the Gulf of Guinea, off the Ivory Coast of Africa on February 12, 1977. This is the first direct evidence of transatlantic movement of a billfish. Unfortunately, only twelve blue marlin tag returns have been recorded in the history of the program, and this is too few with which to hypothesize a migratory pattern.

If you think it's hard to get blue marlin tagged, consider the problem with swordfish when they're usually worth $3 a pound! Nevertheless, the Stuart Sailfish Club began tagging swordfish from the night fishery off that port last year and finished with a total of seven. Several commercial fishermen also tag swordfish from their longlines, and they accounted for eleven last year. The only recapture of a tagged swordfish was most significant. That fish was tagged as a twenty-five pounder off the Mississippi Delta in March, 1974, by commercial longline fisherman Philip Ruhle. It was recaptured near Corsair Canyon on Georges Bank in August, 1977—a distance of 1,900 miles from the tagging location. This would constitute a gain in weight of 165 pounds in about three-and-a-half years—a growth rate that jibes with scientific estimates. Most interesting was the proof of interchange between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Coast. Some outstanding work on sonic tagging of swordfish has been carried out by Dr. Frank Carey of Woods Hole. I participated in one of these experiments in the Sea of Cortez last year and will provide more information about that adventure in a future column. Anglers tagged 284 bluefin tuna in 1977, and many more were tagged by government employees aboard tuna seiners. A cooperative effort between Spain, Morocco, and the U.S. resulted in the tagging of 121 age one bluefin off the Moroccan coast near Casablanca. This tagging effort is important in the study of transatlantic movement. Of the 104 small bluefin recaptured, ninety-four came from purse seiners; six from Japanese longliners, and only four from sportsmen. Many of the fish recaptured had been originally tagged by anglers. The longline returns indicate that school tuna winter in an area approximately 150 to 250 miles off the northeast coast. No school tuna tag recovery since 1970 has shown any transatlantic movement. Giant tuna migrate southward in the fall and tag returns have proven that the giants being captured by Japanese longliners in the Gulf of Mexico during winter and spring are the same fish that populate our area in the summer. Therefore, the strict limits placed on American fishermen to maintain a healthy spawning stock, are negated by the intense Japanese fishery on pre-spawning giants.

Amberjacks are the only "small" game fish covered by this tagging program. Actually, amberjack are equivalent to sailfish in both average and maximum size. Anglers tagged 250 amberjack in 1977. Most were tagged in Florida, but twenty-nine came from the Mid-Atlantic Bight. Several years ago, I caught a small amberjack while porgy fishing at Montauk, and I've had excellent fishing for big amberjack off Virginia Beach. I know they are common around wrecks as far north as Ocean City, Maryland. Recoveries in 1977 totaled thirty-one—most of which were caught in the same general area as the original tagging. Accumulated data indicates that there may be several resident groups off the U.S. Coast that occasionally mingle with one or more migratory groups. Amberjack are greedy fish. On several occasions, tagged fish have been hooked again the same day!

Other interesting tagging notes from around the world:

*A southern bluefin tuna tagged off Albany, Western Australia was recaptured in the Indian Ocean by a Japanese longliner after being free for thirteen years and four months—a new record. However, seven other tuna have been recaptured after more than ten years at libery.

*The first recapture of a tagged fish over 1000 pounds was made by Steve Zuckerman off Lizard Island, Queensland, Australia on October 12, 1977. The fish had been tagged a year earlier off Cairns, and was estimated at 850 pounds. The weight at recapture was 1,056 pounds!

*Outstanding angler participating in the program last year was Cynthia Boomhower. She was credited with forty-seven sailfish and four amberjack. Cynthia is also the leading tagger for the last three years with a total of 197. Surprised to find a lady angler at the top? You shouldn't be—in 1977 six of the top seven were women!

Boldt Decision Creates Havoc on West Coast

Such East Coast fisheries as striped bass and lobster involve so many competing user groups that it seems as if equitable regulation will never be achieved before the species are decimated. However, if you think we have problems, check out the West Coast. The salmon fisheries there have always been a bone of contention between sport fishermen and various types of commercials. As if that didn't make the regulation of the fishery (to ensure sufficient escapement for spawning purposes) difficult enough,

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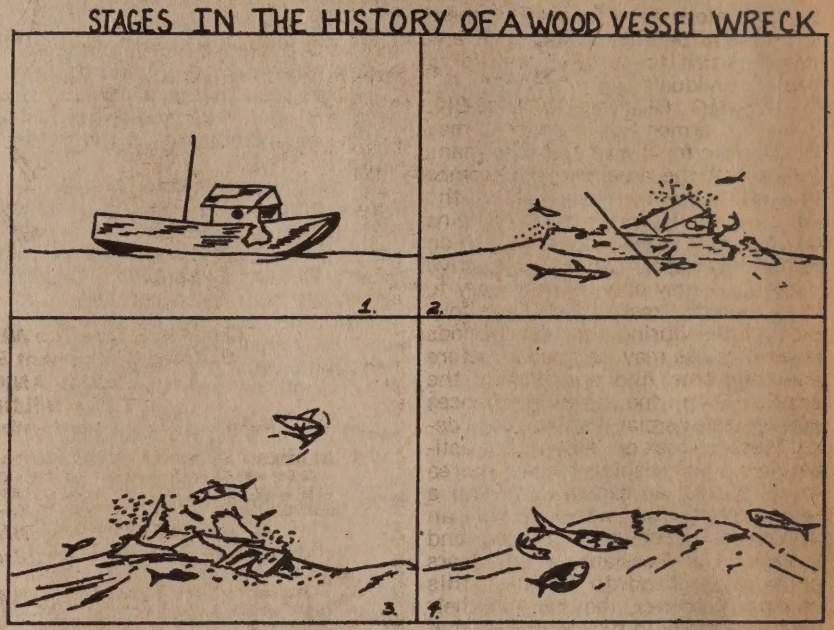
FISH TALK
with Dr. William A. Muller

THE HISTORY OF A WRECK

WRECKS OFFER GREAT FISHING. There are times when bottom species such as cod, haddock, ling, whiting, blackfish, and others can be caught in a variety of places including open bottom. However, at other times, such as when the water is warm during the summer, these deep sea denizens move off into deeper water, leaving stragglers relatively close to shore and these fish will concentrate on the wrecks. Therefore, the location, sizes, and various characteristics of wrecks are of great interest to fishermen. The development of more accurate and reliable depth recorders, along with the more widespread use of Loran has made it possible for more and more fishermen to enjoy the benefits of wreck fishing. The time was when wrecks were fished by only a few of the most experienced party boat captains and they would use skill, guile, experience, cunning, and intuition to find these productive bottom pieces. Today, any fisherman with a minimum of equipment and the willingness to apply this equipment can locate prime wreck fishing.



THE STORY BEGINS. The events that result in a boat sinking to the bottom are varied. There may be a storm that beats on a vessel until her ability to stand the stresses are exceeded, or a ship may wander off her course in a heavy fog, only to hit a rock or run aground. There are also collisions at sea, in spite of careful captains, radar, and a constant watch. There are fires, explosions, and obstructions such as logs, dead whales, etc. The boat goes down to settle on one kind of bottom material or another. The nature of the bottom sediment may have a tremendous effect on the history of a wreck beyond this point. On few occasions will the bottom be so soft that the wreck will immediately begin to settle into it and virtually disappear. This is rare, but it can happen. Most often the bottom is sandy or rocky and these bottom coverings will produce the most useful wrecks for fishermen. Soft sand bottoms may cover a wreck quickly as the currents and waves shift the sands back and forth. Such wrecks may be tremendously productive for a short while, but may completely disappear within a relatively short time.

ON THE BOTTOM. Once the wreck has settled, it is only a short time before the processes of nature begins the transformation process. Barnacles are always quick growers. The free swimming and drifting larvae are ever-eager to settle on an appropriate bottom that will support their growth. They need a surface that will allow them to attach; thus the surface should have pores which will allow them to grab hold. Wood boats are ideal, but the barnacles show no objection to steel or Fiberglas. A boat need not be an ocean liner to be a productive wreck; rather the circumstances of its sinking and decay are much more important. Once the barnacles have a toehold, other types of invertebrate animals will also establish residence—either on the wreck or in the vicinity. Wood boats will provide a haven for worms and other small critters that dig or attach—things like sea anemones, sponges, stalked animals of many groups and species, and thus within about a year the wreck is a living community. Chances are good that within one year sediments will have gathered either in, on, or around the vessel. The wreck will act as a trap creating dead spots down-current. The moving water will swirl around the vessel and particles suspended in the current will fall to the bottom in these dead spots where the velocity of the water suddenly diminishes. The sediments likely will be rich in organic materials that wash out of bays, rivers, and estuaries. Burrowing creatures will set up residence in this sediment; creatures like clams, mussels, crabs, worms, and snails are likely occupants.

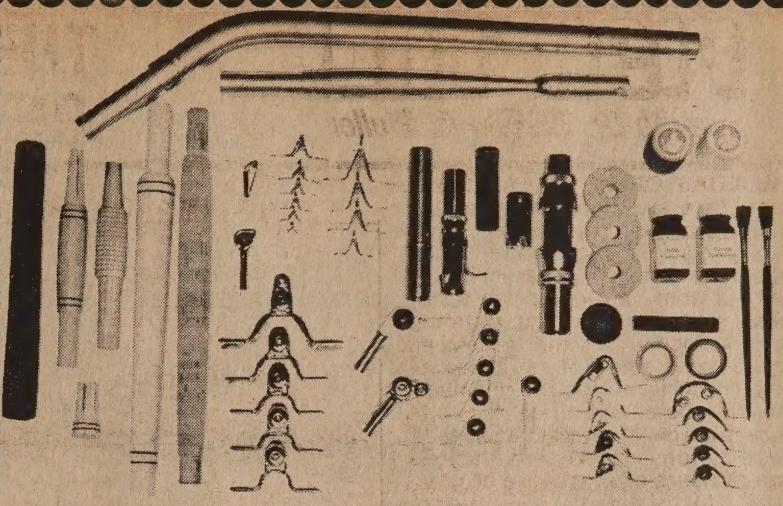
AFTER ABOUT ONE YEAR. In about one year, perhaps more, and even perhaps less depending upon circumstances, the wreck will be abundant with life—although outward signs may not reveal it to be so. At this point, species of more interest to people may begin to appear on the wreck. Lobsters are common because they can utilize a habitat that has built-in crevices and a handy food supply. Blackfish will invade the wreck rather quickly, finding the abundant shellfish ideal food and they will also use the bends, depressions and crevices of the wreck as hiding places to avoid predators. Schools of bait fish will stop at the wreck because it will serve as a structure to keep between themselves and predators and they, too, will feed on the abundant life in the vicinity of the wreck. Believe it or not, even the plankton-feeding bait fish will find favorable conditions. The concentration of nutrients in the water around the wreck will increase because of the natural seasonal cycle of life and the increase in overall productivity. Thus, plankton will flourish near the wreck and so may certain plankton-feeding fish such as herrings, especially at certain times of the year.

THE STAGE IS SET. Shrimp, plankton, lobsters, crabs, mussels, clams, welks, snails, small invertebrates, conger eels, blackfish, and a host of other species will be present on or near the wreck within a year or two. Now, migrating game fish will intercept the wreck and upon finding the abundant food, will make the wreck their home. These fish may not be permanent residents and the game fish productivity of the wreck may change from year to year and from season to season, but on an average there will usually be fish to catch on the wreck. Schools of cod, pollack, whiting, ling, squid, big fluke, and even blues and stripers (if the wreck

is relatively close to shore) will swim near the wreck. A large school of pollack or cod, however, that begin to feed near a wreck may decimate the bait populations quickly and a good portion of these fish may leave the area. However, a good number of them will stay, because in spite of how much of the wreck's resources the predators have harvested, there will always be enough bait fish and invertebrates to sustain the life of some individuals.

FISHING OUT THE WRECK. When fishermen find a wreck, it may be possible for them to take so many fish out of the area that it becomes impractical to continue fishing the wreck. Usually, party boat captains have several wrecks that they fish on a rotating basis. During productive seasons, it may only be necessary to let the wreck "rest" for three or four days; while during the lean periods several weeks may be needed before new migrants find and occupy the wreck. Then, too, there are cases where commercial fishing can depopulate a wreck or make it impractical for sport fishing. The Andrea Doria is such an example. Within a few years this wreck held an unbelievable population of cod and pollack. The Russians, some years back, attempted to harvest this bonanza; however, they tangled their nets repeatedly in the rigging so that today the wreck is shrouded in netting. Skin divers, who also found the wreck to be a great playground, report that the netting makes diving extremely hazardous.

THE DEATH OF A WRECK. Although some wrecks last for many years, others disappear quickly. If a vessel comes to rest at the edge of a dropoff, it may be pushed off the edge during a storm and be lost to water so deep that little life will come to use the wreck. Wooden vessels may disintegrate rather rapidly, especially in colder climates where abundant burrowing animals may riddle the hull in a relatively short time. The debris may be swept away by currents or may come to rest as a pile on the sea floor where it will be quickly covered by sediment. The remains of the vessel will appear on a depth recorder as a "hump" and such small elevations on the bottom may be very productive pieces of bottom for cod, sea bass, and other groundfish. Large steel hull vessels may persist in a less altered condition for a hundred years or more if environmental conditions are appropriate. Such wrecks become almost a permanent part of the natural bottom structure. They will produce good fishing year after year and become valued resources of boat captains. Some party boat captains spend days searching the ocean bottom with modern sonar for wrecks that are not known to other captains because the fishing is likely to be excellent for his fares until the "new" wreck is discovered and fished by many boats.



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CODFISHING Part One

Artie Leidecker reeled in his bait, discarded the waterlogged skimmer and caught my attention. "Where's the cod?" he asked as he put on fresh skimmer. "Don't ask me," I replied. "You're skipper." With that unfriendly remark, he turned to our companion Charlie Hall. "He's peeved this morning, Charlie. Working up a fine head of steam, too. Pay no attention. He couldn't catch cod if they were in a barrel. Bat over a few more skimmers and let's see what happens." Charlie did as requested and we waited. And waited. Five minutes dragged by. Ten minutes. Twenty. Boring. I glanced about, checking out the surroundings. We were all alone on our piece of the ocean. In the crisp mid-November air, I could easily make out the distant needle-like silhouette of the Jones Beach water tower; and to me that meant we were too close inshore for decent codfishing. "I don't know about you guys," I said, "but two hours of this foolishness is all I can take. Unless we get farther offshore, I'm quitting here and now." Just then Charlie caught a dogfish. "Oh, no," I groaned. "Oh, yes," replied Artie. "Watch it now, fellers. We could get lucky." Several more lead-footed minutes went by. Charlie again got the action, but this time it was no doggie. "Gotcha!" His rod took on a set made only by a cod. "Get the gaff, you amateurs," he ordered, securing a firmer grip on the rod as the cod pounded. "It's not too big," he informed us, "but it's a sure enough cod." Several minutes later, Artie stuck the gaff into the thrashing fish and lifted a nice ten-pounder aboard. "Number one," he said, shaking the cod from the gaff. "Bat a few more skimmers, Charlie. And no noise now, fellers. Easy does it."

Okay, so I was wrong. There were fish around.

We finished the day with five average-sized cod. Not much, I'll admit. Charlie Hall nailed three; Artie two. And me? How did I make out? Don't ask. Outside of a stray mackerel, a disenchanted ling, and scads of horned doggies, I didn't get a tumble. Oh, well ... that's the way it goes. Better luck next time.

But for an experienced angler who should know better, I have to admit I lacked the first requisite of a good codfisherman: patience. I don't easily fall into that trap, but I did that day—which is a prime example of reverting to the old party boat days of "Move the boat!" It was right back to the passenger assuming he knows more than the skipper—which experience has taught me is folly of a high order.

There aren't many days when cod will respond immediately upon dropping the anchor. Sure, it does happen on occasion and when it does, it usually means good fishing for the entire day. But don't count on this kind of easy fishing happening too often. If you know you are over known codfishing grounds, patience is the key word. Anchor and get that chum overboard and stick it out. How long? I wish I could give you a definite answer, but I can't.

I've seen times when a wait of less than an hour was enough to get the action going; and I've seen times when it took a good three hours before the prowling cod stumbled onto the chum. And to be honest, I've also seen times when the fish didn't respond at all. These are the truths about codfishing that make it so exasperating to party boat skipper and passenger alike.

I remember one rip-roaring winter day several years ago when I took Artie's "Echo" offshore with a half-dozen buddies. Artie was spending the Christmas holidays in Florida and the responsibility of finding fish was all mine. I headed for the McAllister Grounds off Long Beach, but there already was a heavy concentration of boats fishing it. I then headed for Scallop Ridge, but all we caught there were a few ling and whiting.

What to do? Because of the strong northwest wind piling up the seas, I couldn't run off to the Cholera Bank or the Steel Wreck—a thirty-footer can take just so much. Already one of the fellows was seasick. I finally wound up south of Jones Inlet where the proximity of the shore lessened the force of that wicked wind and dropped the hook in sixty feet of water over some broken skimmer bottom.

While the guys fished from the stern, I went up on the bow where I could watch the anchor line, braced myself as best I could, and began batting whole skimmer overboard. The first miserable hour passed, but outside of an occasional conger eel, that's all the action we had. Another hour went by and I had almost depleted a bushel of skimmer. Still nothing.

Well, I told myself, enough is enough. We had given it a good shot, and that's all anyone can ask. I figured I'd use what remained of the first bushel of skimmer and maybe dip a little into the second and then call it a day. To make matters worse, there was now another seasick passenger. It was some rough, cold day, I'll tell you.

And then it happened. I barely heard the faint shout above the whistling wind. "... a cod! Dominick's got .." Every other shouted word was quickly snatched away before it reached me. But I knew what was happening.

By the time I worked my way to the stern, I found Dom Fusco battling a cod to the surface, the rod bowed in a straining arc. Every few moments he'd have to quit reeling and relinquish his two-handed grip on the rod to one hand and hang on for deaf life with the other as the "Echo" dropped her stern into the gully of a sea. It was tough fishing.

Agonizing minutes later, he brought a double-header to the surface. I got the gaff into the larger of the two and one of the fellows got down on his knees, reached over and swung the other aboard by hand. Two nice cod lay sluicing back and forth on deck: one about eight pounds, and the other an easy fifteen.

We stuck it out for another hour or so and just before quitting, another double-header was taken and we finished the day with fourteen cod. The largest fish was Dom Fusco's fifteen pounder.

I'm certain we would have gotten a few more if the weather had cooperated, but it worsened steadily as the minutes passed. Even the big party boats were returning and a word to the wise was certainly sufficient in this instance.

And this is what is meant by having patience when codfishing—bad weather not withstanding. A codfisherman without it fares poorly.

Of course, you don't have to anchor up first shot out of the box. If the weather permits, it is sometimes better to first drift around an area that looks promising. A lot of fellows do this. When the first cod is hooked, a buoy is immediately dropped overboard. Notice the use of the word "hooked." Should you wait until the fish is brought up, gaffed, and swung aboard, it is possible to drift away from the main body of fish. Keep the buoy within easy reach.

With a buoy over, you have a reference point. You know there are fish in that general area. Continue the drift if you wish. You might possibly hit a heavier concentration of fish. But if not, run back to the buoy and get the anchor over and position the boat so that the marker lies off the stern. Let the boat settle and watch how it lies in the wind and tide. Then get some chum overboard. Depending upon wind and currents, it is best to bat the chum as close to your baited hooks as possible.

At times, chumming can be a ticklish business, but it usually isn't so when codfishing. Each skimmer should be tossed into the air and struck a solid whack, one strong enough to break the heavy shell but not demolish it into small bits and pieces. Just imagine yourself a kid again batting fungoes for your chums on the old sand lot, but instead of hitting them straight out, you aim close to the side of the boat—preferably next to your line.

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NATURE'S FISHERMEN

BY FRED GUARDINEER

HERONS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED CARRYING FEATHERS TO A FISHING SPOT, DROPPING THEM ON THE SURFACE AND THEN SPEARING THE FISH ATTRACTED TO THEM.

PELICANS SPOTTING A FISH GO INTO A STREAMLINED CRASH DIVE AND ALMOST ALWAYS COME UP WITH A CATCH.

A BAT OF SOUTH AMERICA CRUISES LOW OVER THE WATER RAKING THE SURFACE WITH ITS LONG CLAWS UNTIL IT IMPALES A FISH.

THE ANHINGA OR WATER TURKEY OF THE GULF COAST SPEARS FISH UNDERWATER, THEN THROWS IT INTO THE AIR AND CATCHES IT HEADFIRST FOR SWALLOWING — WITHOUT BEING HARMED BY ITS FINS AND SHARP SPINES!

ALASKAN BROWN BEARS STANDING BELLY DEEP IN SALMON RUNS NEED ONLY THEIR PAWS AND JAWS FOR FISHING TACKLE.

DRAGON FLY NYMPHS EXTEND A HINGED LOWER JAW TO GRASP PREY AS LARGE AS SMALL MINNOWS AND STICKLEBACKS.

SQUIDS LIE IN WAIT ON THE BOTTOM FOR A FISH TO COME IN REACH, THEN SHOOT OUT TWO LONG ARMS EQUIPPED WITH SUCTION CUPS.

Surf Side with John Fritz

A VOTE FOR DEMOCRAT

Falling temperatures, coupled with brisk northerly winds, force the sun and sand set to scurry for more comfortable climes. The relatively deserted Long Island waterfront becomes the exclusive domain of the hardy surfcaster seeking one more engagement with the departing schools of game fish. The realization that long fishless months lie ahead provide added impetus to the natural desire of many anglers to get their fill before Mother Nature unleashes the full force of her wintry bag of tricks. While there are many places along the coast of Long Island to intercept retreating schools of bass and bluefish, the western end of Fire Island is regarded by many as one of the better locations. The tip of the island jutting into Fire Island Inlet is known as Democrat Point. Almost all of the fishing this late in the season is performed on the oceanside—from the Point itself, east to the bar found in front of the water tower. Since this area is encompassed by Robert Moses State Park, it is available to anyone with the desire to fish. No permits are needed for daylight fishing if you park your vehicle in the designated parking fields, but night fishermen must obtain a free fishing permit for their cars at any Administration Office of the Long Island State Park Commission.

Properly equipped beach vehicles are permitted to drive the ocean-front from the golf course west to the Inlet. Before off-the-road operation is legal, your vehicle must be inspected and certified by purchasing a $15 permit at the local Administration Office located on the first road on your right, west of the Inlet bridge. If you do not own a four-wheel drive rig, the walk from the parking lot to the inlet is not excessive and furthermore, any stretch of this beach can be productive. By working the beach as you trudge along, the distance will seem shorter and you will cover the area more thoroughly than the buggy jockey who whizzes up to the jetty, only to stand by his rig waiting for someone to catch a fish before he wets a line. On most occasions in November, the fish rarely admit to their presence by showing themselves on the surface. As for the birds, the terns have already left for South America—which leaves the unreliable gulls to scout the fish for you. In essence, the majority of this fishing is done blind, but hang a fish and it seems the dunes have eyes, for you'll soon have company.

Although the predominant winds at this time of the year are from a northerly direction, a brisk breeze from the south will enliven the surf and stimulate the fishing. If the winds blow forcibly from the southern quarter for an extended period of time, the water will become excessively roiled and the fishing will suffer. North and northwest winds tend to flatten the surf and are also detrimental to the fishing if continuing for several days, for it reduces the white water and if not blowing sand or debris, will clarify the water to a point where it is often difficult to fool the fish. The ideal surf is one with sufficient chop or breaking water to cloud the seas without stirring up the bottom to a degree that discourages the fish from swimming in the wash.

All is not lost if your time off work coincides with a period of less than desirable surf conditions. The use of artificials may suffer, but bait fishermen can continue to catch fish. Teen-sized bluefish have been the most consistently caught fish in the past few years, with striped bass being taken in increasingly lesser quantities.

The preferred baits are bunker (fresh, if possible), live eels, mackerel, clam or sandworms. The fish finder rig is used by most surfmen with corks added if the bait is dead or unable to fend off the voracious crabs. At the start of your fishing, dispense with the use of a wire leader. If bluefish are present, pre-rigged wired hooks can be quickly attached. In this way you will have made your initial effort for stripers, for many anglers feel that wire leaders will spook the more discriminating bass.

If the wind and water conditions are unbearable on the ocean-front, direct your efforts off the western tip of the Island. Although the fast-moving currents of the Inlet will cause some difficulty in holding bottom, these deeper and calmer waters could prove to be the shelter the fish will seek.

This late in the season it is not necessary to confine your trips to the dark of night. Daylight fishing will provide a more comfortable atmosphere, plus a reasonable chance of success on either blues or bass. Several years ago when we enjoyed good runs of bass along these beaches in the fall, many large fish were taken under the glare of the midday sun.

Although the ebb tides are generally considered the best to fish in inlet waters, the outside beach can be fished at any tide. If the tide has dropped to a point where it is possible to wade across the trough which separates the beach from the bar, cast your bait into the deeper water found on the outside of the bar. When the tide is full, try to locate any cuts in this bar or deep pockets in the trough in which to fish. To pinpoint these particular locations too far in advance is useless, for one nor'easter can significantly change the entire waterfront.

Those of you who disdain the use of bait will welcome the fact that ample fish can be taken in the daylight on artificials. The bar normally located directly in front of the water tower is a popular place for surfmen seeking bass and blues in autumn. It is but a short walk from Parking Field #3, so buggies are not needed nor are they permitted on the beach in this area. Fishing here is mainly limited to the daylight hours with early morning and late afternoon the most fruitful times. This is because field 3 is closed after dark. In past years, there was an understanding policeman who would turn on his Mars light signifying when it was time to leave the beach at dusk. Whether this practice will continue remains to be seen.

The two most popular type lures employed here are tins, such as the Hopkins or the J-8 and popping plugs with many anglers preferring the Polaris. When weather conditions permit, seven inch floating Rebels and RedFins or the Atom Jrs. and 40s can be used with success in the half-light hours.

Nighttime parking is permitted in Parking Field #2 so the entire stretch of beach, limited only by your desire and endurance, is accessible at any time of day or night. Atom Jrs. worked in the trough at high water in the pre-dawn light has worked well in the past. Poppers retrieved in a slow, sweeping motion or J-8s fished near the bottom will, on many occasions, reward the presistent angler. As stated before, the fish are often present but do not betray their presence with surface activity. Work the beach thoroughly, making a series of casts in a fan-like manner, then proceed a few hundred feet and repeat the process.

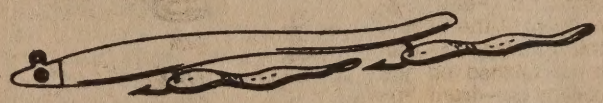
The rock jetty adjacent to the Inlet, while not an imposing feature as far as jetties go, is a center of attraction on this sandy beach. This is true for fishermen, if not always so for fish. At low tide, the water depth is not great and the difficulty in landing any sizeable fish from the slippery rocks must be coped with. At high water on a running tide, a rip forms off the tip of the jetty which often attracts the predator fish seeking bait as it is washed past the rocks.

The variety of lures which can be used here is only limited by your imagination and ability to keep them from hanging up in the rocks. There is no danger of this occurring while the lure is being worked away from the jetty, but the lure should be worked right up to the rocks for often the bass will be prowling at your feet. This rip is of sufficient force to allow darters and bottle plugs to work properly. A bucktail bounced along the bottom is another lure which produces with some consistency; but on one occasion I found that a medium weight Hopkins worked slowly along the bottom was the overwhelming choice of small bass feeding in the rip on that particular day.

A long gaff and a non-skid surface on the soles of your boots are a definite advantage when fishing from this jetty.

The area in front of the breakwater extending around the tip towards the inlet is, as of this writing, being slowly filled in with sand by the natural westward drift. High water coupled with a west or southwest wind occasionally produces good results in these shallow waters. In calm seas and at low water, it is possible to cautiously wade out for a distance which will enable you to reach the deeper water of the channel with your cast. If you are using tin, allow the lure to sink for a short time before starting your retrieve. Often the fish will be lying in the deep water along this dropoff.

Democrat Point and its environs has an ardent following from the beginning of the season to the end. From the first run of small bass which appear about the first of May, through the fluke and weakfish taken in the summer, to the last of the bass fishing in December, this area continues to produce fish. Each season has its specie of fish and its style of fishing. November is the time to get your last licks at bass and blues on a clean, sandy beach within reasonable traveling distance from the population centers of Long Island.



Sinker Bouncing: CODFISHING

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Don't take the easy way out and mash a batch of skimmer in a container, parceling out the goo as you would when mackerel fishing. You may draw cod all right, but you'll never know it. By the time that light stuff reaches bottom, it will be too far away to do you and your buddies any good. Chumming is a very important part of codfishing and it will pay to do it right.

Next week, we'll get into tackle, baits, rigging, and hooking methods..

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FALL FLOUNDER
Better Than Spring

by Scott Simons

As far as I'm concerned, there are only two effective types of chum for flounder fishing: bank mussel and clam bellies. After these two, almost anything is better than nothing, but not by much—canned cat food or fish, corn kernels, scallop guts, etc. The most effective chum by far is the mussel, which wins hands down in my book. The problem of getting a supply of this excellent chum and bait is double-edged. If you are lucky, you will know of a good spot to dig your own and have permission to do so. But it can be a real pain in the neck, often meaning you will be spending more time gathering the bait than fishing with it. If you aren't so lucky and have to buy mussels, you'll find them on a price level with filet mignon steak and bloodworms. And I've purchased a ridiculously small bag of bank mussels for three bucks, only to find half of the shells to be filled with mud and gunk rather than the juicy yellow meat that the flounder love for some reason. (It's interesting to note that in its entire life span, a flounder probably never feeds "naturally" on bank mussels because they are only found above the low water mark, requiring occasional exposure to the open air to survive. So much for giving fish "natural baits" that they are used to feeding on!) So take your pick: work your butt off or pay through the nose for your bait. Some choice.

I prefer to use frozen clam bellies for my chum not only for economical reasons, but I have found it to be particularly effective on a consistent basis. When available, I will use the bank mussels for bait while chumming with the bellies; but if I can't get the preferred mussels for bait the soft clam bellies themselves will usually do the job. A twenty pound can of clam bellies (which is about three-and-a-half gallons) is easily enough bait and chum for three or four heavy flounder fishing trips, and only costs between $7 and $9, depending on where it is purchased. When you buy a new can, make sure that you purchase it the night before so that it will have sufficient time to partially thaw from its rock hardness. When it is partially thawed you can easily cut large chunks of the soft bellies out of the can for your chum pot. Use a pot with a small mesh—the smaller the better—to prevent an excessive amount of meat from escaping and possibly overfeeding the fish. Periodically pull up the weighted chum pot and replenish it with fresh chum. The meat left in the pot when it has just been pulled up can be used as the bait. Chum left over at the end of the day is re-frozen in smaller containers for future trips. Use milk containers, Tupperware, etc.

Mussels should also be put into a weighted chum pot, no matter what any other fishing author tells you. The purpose of chum is to gather the fish up under your boat so that you can catch them. So why is it that so many fishermen smash the mussels with a baseball bat and then scatter them all over the area? Just fill the pot about halfway up with mussels that have been **lightly** cracked, not smashed to smithereens. Periodically pull up the pot and crunch them up a little more to allow more juice to escape.

Another important aspect of chumming for flounder is the method that is used to anchor the boat—and this factor is particularly important in the strong winds of the fall. The idea is to anchor the boat so that it isn't constantly swinging with the wind, moving your chum pot and baited hooks all over the bottom. The easiest way to accomplish this is to double anchor the boat, from both the bow and the stern. There are various methods of doing this that we don't have space to go into in detail, but it is easy enough to figure out. Just be careful that you don't foul that anchor line in your propeller! Another method that works particularly well with small boats of twenty feet and under (the most common sizes for flounder fishing, fortunately) is to anchor the boat from one of the stern cleats. The water resistance created by the transom and the side of the boat will act against each other to keep the boat relatively stationary. You should be cautioned, however, not to attempt this unless the water is relatively calm and there is no danger of swamping the boat with waves coming over the transom or motor well.

What bait to use? If all baits were equally available and cost the same, my order or preference would be as follows: bank mussels, clam bellies or fresh skimmer clams, fresh scallop guts, piggyback snails, blood or sand worms, tapeworms, earthworms, corn kernels. Notice that blood and sandworms don't receive the expected high rating in my book. But after much experimenting fishing different types of bait on the same rig to give the flounder a choice, the statistics just don't show me that they are worth all the hullabaloo, even if they weren't so ridiculously expensive. Scallop guts are an excellent bait which is available in the fall if you know or can find a scalloper who will give you the discards.

How to rig up? First off, get rid of the spreader rigs and come to your senses. The lighter the rig, the better to feel the soft bite of a nibbling flounder. Check out the two sliding sinker rigs shown in the photographs and you're in business. And one final tip: Yes, Virginia, yellow sinkers **do** work best for flounder.

I can tell you one thing about flounder fishing in the fall—it's a heck of a lot more fun and rewarding than the flounder action in the spring, and for more reasons than I can count or have figured out yet. First off, they are a lot easier to hook than they are in the spring. In October and November, and often well into the month of December, the flounder go on a feeding binge to fatten up for the cold winter months. They have to put on a quite a bit of weight during this period to get them through the winter until they start coming out of the mud or moving inshore in early March. But in the springtime the flounder always seem to be very sluggish, which is probably due to the cold water temperatures and the fact that they have been in a dormant state for so long. And they aren't in any particular rush to get fat, either—so what's the rush? As a result, their sluggishness is reflected in their feeding habits and the way they take a fisherman's bait.

Have you ever noticed how at the beginning of the flounder season you seem to lose a lot of bait without ever feeling so much as a nibble? This is because the flounder are just lazily swimming up to the bait and sucking on it, more out a sense of duty than hunger. So if you are a little lazy and don't bother to slowly lift that rod tip occasionally to feel for the weight of a fish, you won't even know that there is a fish in the neighborhood—much less one eating your bait. But as a rule of thumb, the flounder caught in the fall are feeding voraciously and little bait or fish are lost. They will literally pounce on a bait in that keen competitive spirit of all fall run species, giving that rapid tap-tap-tap that is the trademark of a hungry flounder.

The fall run of flounder are also usually much fatter fish than the spring run of fish, largely due to the same reasons that they hit the bait so differently. As the

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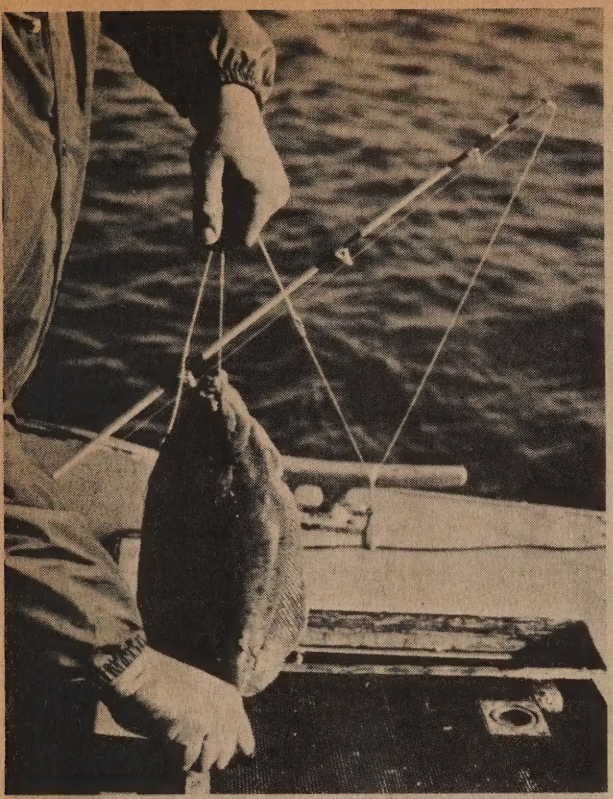
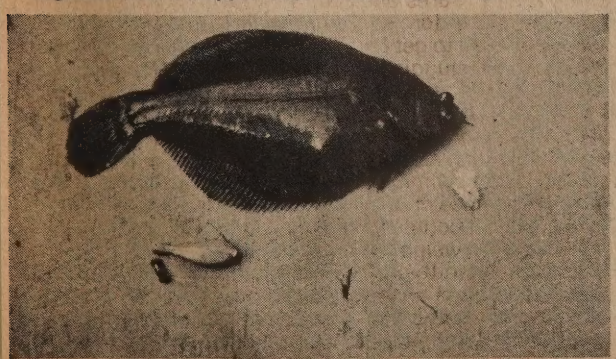


Fall flounder usually will pounce on and swallow a bait quickly rather than just kind of suck on it as they often do in the spring when the fish are more sluggish.

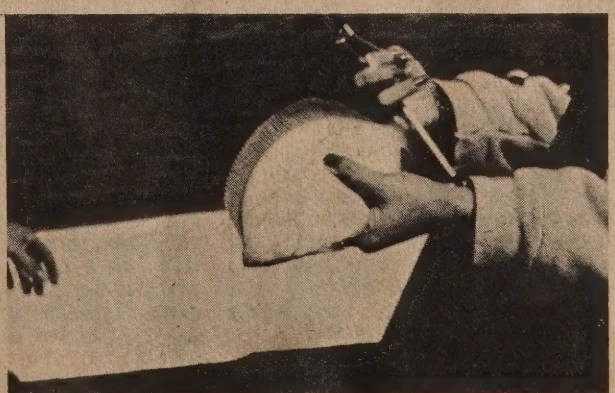
Fall flounder usually feed voraciously as they try to put on weight for the winter, which often accounts for more than a few "double-headers" as the one this lucky angler has just caught.

Sliding sinker flounder rig: A plastic sleeve that the main line passes through has a clip for the sinker. The snap acts as a sinker stop, preventing it from sliding down onto the baited hooks. Two flounder hooks are tied together with a dropper loop, completing the rig.

Two excellent flounder baits: bank mussels, below, and scallop guts shown just below the clam knife. The mussels are shucked and used whole on the hook, passing the point through the harder, darker flesh and threading it on the hook. Scallop guts are a harder bait and stay on the hook better but are usually more difficult to obtain.



A simpler version of the sliding sinker rig, which is just as effective, is to pass the main line through the eye of the sinker so that it floats freely. The main line is then tied to the loop on the hook with an improved clinch knot. A small rubber core sinker or split shot is used as a sinker stop.



This medium size flounder would only be a thin flatfish hardly worth filleting in the spring. But this flattie was caught in Montauk Lake in October and was a good one inch thick—perfect size for filleting and delicious eating!

CASUAL CHUMMING

by Gary Soucie

Chumming can be a big-buck, high-energy thing; one I'd just as soon forego unless I am fishing for sharks or chumming bluefish. Casual chumming is more my speed. Casual chumming takes many different forms and none takes much extra effort. Sometimes, while sailing out to the fishing grounds, I'll let my sinkers soak in a pot of clam baits or in a plastic container of cod liver oil. And I usually have a few plastic worms or other soft-plastic baits soaking in some cod liver oil or clam juice cocktail.

I sometimes even use artificial lures with chum. A Long Island outfit called Applied Oceanographic Technology makes a line of plastic baits that are used with chum pellets. Whether you troll, drift, cast, jig, or bottom-fish, you can get a lot of mileage out of the Chumin Squid, Shrimp, or Grub. Nantucket Ocean Products makes three surf casting plugs that can be used with or without little pieces of sponge soaked in their menhaden oil. Most surgical tube eels can be stuffed with ground chum or with cotton balls soaked in various scents and oils. When the fishing is slow, the addition of chum can make a difference.

Making your own chum is easy; in many ways it's better than buying commercial chum. First, it's cheaper. Second, you can blend the flavors of your choice. Third, you can store it in various container sizes. Fourth, you can turn your chum containers into fishable chum pots.

Chum pots that can be suspended from a gunwale or bridge railing are very handy. Pot chumming is a lot easier, if less precise, than ladle chumming. You can buy chum pots of various sizes and types—plastic pots, wire mesh pots, tubes, you name it—but you needn't buy any at all. Store-bought chum pots have to be cleaned after each trip and eventually the plastic ones will become tainted with the odors of fishing trips past. I have a couple of chum pots hanging from the rafters of an outbuilding that is distant and down-wind from the house, and they smell so bad I'm not very tempted to put them in the car.

Making chum and chum pots at home begins with selecting the right containers. Your first mate probably brings them home from the supermarket each time she goes shopping. I am talking about those snap-lid plastic tubs and containers that hold margarine, cottage cheese, etc. Once you have emptied the containers, wash them in soap and water. Don't worry about getting them laboratory-clean, because the chum you are going to make will overpower any aroma.

Fill the containers with chum. It's as easy as it sounds. If your family will stand for it, keep a lidded chum container in the refrigerator until it is filled and then transfer it to the freezer. It isn't really necessary if the plastic lid fits securely, but if it will help keep peace in the family you can secure the chum container in a twist-tied plastic bag. Fill your containers with oily or fishy scraps. Cut them up if the scraps are very large. Almost anything can be used: leftover bait fish, fish-cleaning scraps, oil from cans of sardines, tuna, salmon, clams, oysters, and other seafood; shrimp husks, table scraps from fish dinners, the pan scrapings and dripping from fish fries; the rejected cat and dog food; chicken fat, fatty meat scraps, and so on.

Don't overlook the less-than-obvious choices. Most fish will eat grain, so mix with your oily mess such things as seeds left over from your winter bird feeder, uncooked oatmeal and coarse cornmeal that has been infested with summer weevils, that last tablespoon of puffed-grain breakfast cereal. Crushed white egg shells are good additions to chum intended for flounder, fluke, or porgies. Corn kernels, chopped marshmallows, and bits of cheese are good additions. All these things will become saturated with the scents and flavors of your chum pot.

Before you can take your chum pots fishing, you are going to need a one-eighth (or one-quarter) inch eyebolt of appropriate length, a couple of fender washers, and a wing nut. If you can find the hardware in

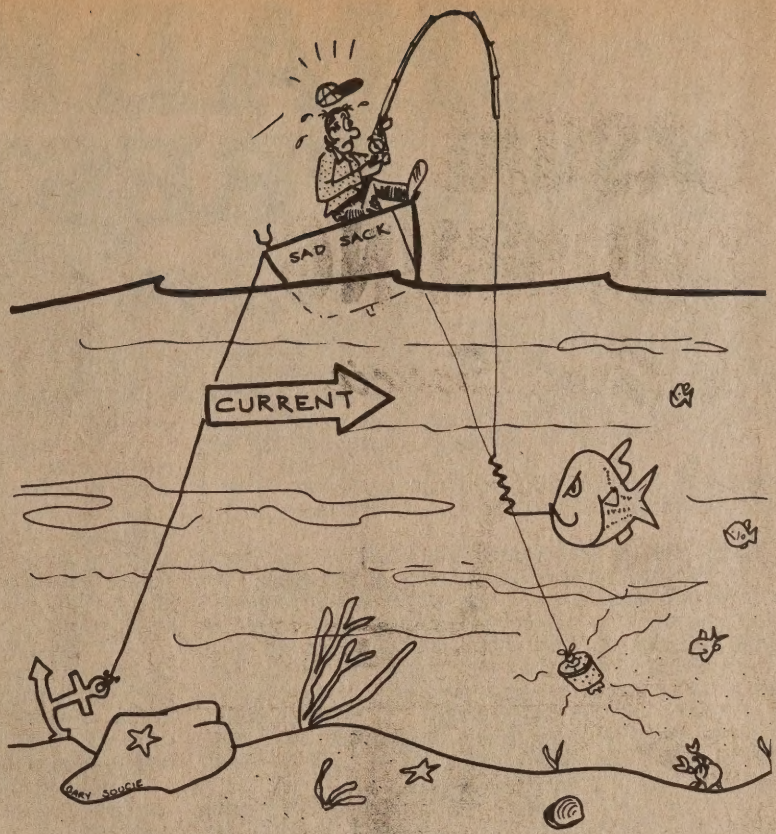
stainless steel, brass, or marine-grade aluminum, spend a little extra on it, because it will last longer in sea water.

First, poke two holes in the very center of the top and bottom. Use a large nail, a pocketknife awl blade, a gaff point, or some similar sharp instrument. Slip a fender washer on your eyebolt and insert the threaded end of the bolt through the hole you have just punched in the chum pot's lid. By the time you reach the fishing ground, your chum should be at least partially defrosted, so it won't be too hard to ram the eyebolt through the chum and out through the hole you just punched in the bottom. Now slip on the other fender washer and twist on the wing nut until your chum pot is snugged up against the bolt's eye ring.

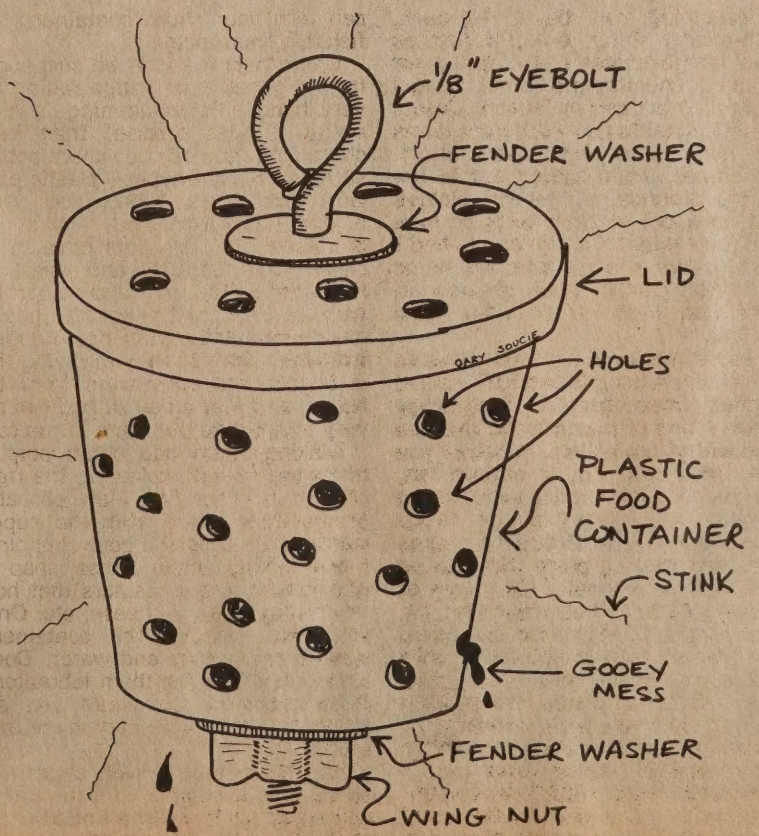
Before puncturing the pot with holes to liberate the chum, tie or clip your tether line to the eyebolt. Once you perforate the pot, things are going to start getting messy and you will want to get the pot overboard. Having rigged your tether line, punch lots of holes in the pot. The size and number of the holes you punch will determine the rate of the chum's dispersal. This will affect both the strength of your chum line and the life expectancy of your chum pot. Don't be too stingy or too prodigal. Toss the pot overboard and give a few good jerks on the tether to get things going. From time to time, agitate the pot to keep things flowing.

The idea is to rig the pot at or just above your fishing level. In a strong current, you might need to add a heavy sinker to keep the tethered chum pot down at the desired level. If you are drifting, make sure the pot clears the bottom to avoid hang-ups. For shore-bound fishermen, chum pots work best fishing from bridges, piers, or docks. That way you can be sure the chum slick is drifting from the pot past your path, which has to be **in** the chum slick—not alongside it. Some highway bridges that cross tidal streams don't allow fishing or are too dangerous to fish from. However, you can still hang a chum pot from them. Just tie a second line onto the tether, and you can yank on the side-line from your bank-side fishing spot.

That's all there is to casual chumming. Virtually cost-free, with very little muss or fuss. At the end of the day, remove your eyebolt hardware, rinse it thoroughly and let it air dry before storing it away in your tackle box, to minimize corrosion. The used chum pot should be discarded in a proper trash receptacle. Do **not** deep-six it, because the plastic will float ashore and we already have far too much angling and boating litter disgracing our shores. If you brought one or two chum pots too many, take it home and refreeze it. But put a check mark on the lid so you will know it has been refrozen. Once a chum pot gets two strikes against it, toss it out. Rancid chum is repulsive, rather than attractive to most fish.



Tether your chum pot on the up-current side of boat, bridge, or pier, and fish the down-current side! Otherwise, this is liable to happen.



Homemade chum pot. See the story for details on how to make one.

SHARKS FOR PRESTIGE

by Dick Mermon

Sure as summer follows spring, there will be another Bay Shore Mako Tournament next year. Each year for the past seventeen, this outstanding two-day contest assembles over 600 various anglers, from a multitude of life styles; in boats of numerous manufactures and dimensions. For the first time in several shark tournaments, I piggybacked as an observer and not as a participant on Jack O'Loughlin's, forty-one footer, "One Zey."

Each June the Bay Shore Tuna Club, of Bay Shore, New York holds its annual Mako Derby and is usually the first of such competitions on Long Island. Entry blanks are mailed during the winter (about the first week in February) and before April the total bookings of 150 boats plus are filled. That extra "plus" is simply a stand-by group of boats which replace some that must drop out the last minute for one reason or another. It is a first come, first serve listing. All entries must be accompanied by a check for $90 (1978 entry fee), name of boat and each angler that is to fish.

Entry fee guarantees the registered boat 100 pounds of bait each day, which consists of two cans ground moss bunker chum; one slab butterfish; one slab of whole bunker and two rings of coffee cake. These cakes are human baits, to be utilized by anglers on board for personal titilation of their taste buds. Entemann's Baking Company of Bay Shore, has continuously donated over 300 coffee rings each year, satisfying American anglers' need of that "coffee and ..." in the morning before the action begins.

As in all contests, there are rules which must be adhered to. Fishing time is strictly enforced, whereby the tournament's sounding hour begins with a loud six o'clock cannon and ends precisely each day at 6:30 p.m. by the same powerful noise. Boats not at dockside or within number sight by this time become automatically disqualified. Boundary distances are up to individual skippers and crews for it usually is the qualified long-range craft that run to the Canyon, Texas Tower or other offshore structure, while the mini-fleet mainly do an excellent job within twenty miles of the beach.

Even though competition is high among entrants, sportsmanship shrouds envy in every way and common sense is found from the beginning to end of the contest. Each boat wants that "Mister Big" and therefore, sharks estimated over the 100 pound figure can be officially weighed in and recorded for points. Anything under this figure is usually set free unharmed. In fact, there were about 180 tagged and released fish during this two-day encounter by anglers.

At ring-side, or better still, Bay Shore Town Marina dockside, three groups of biologists from the Marine Fisheries Laboratories of Narragansett, Rhode Island, took vitally needed data on shark lengths, weights, stomach contents, teeth inspection, and reproductive organs for future studies.

After each shark (and most of them were blue sharks) was weighed and inspected, it was placed aside for the sharp knife of Arthur Lem, owner of a Chinese restaurant. He collects shark fins (mostly pectoral fins) to be used in "shark fin soup" at his eatery, which by the way is exceptionally delicious once it is past the thinking stage of being shark soup. Unwanted carcasses are disposed of by other means and even spectators will accept the fish for both teeth trophies and the white meat along its upper back as barbecued fish steaks.

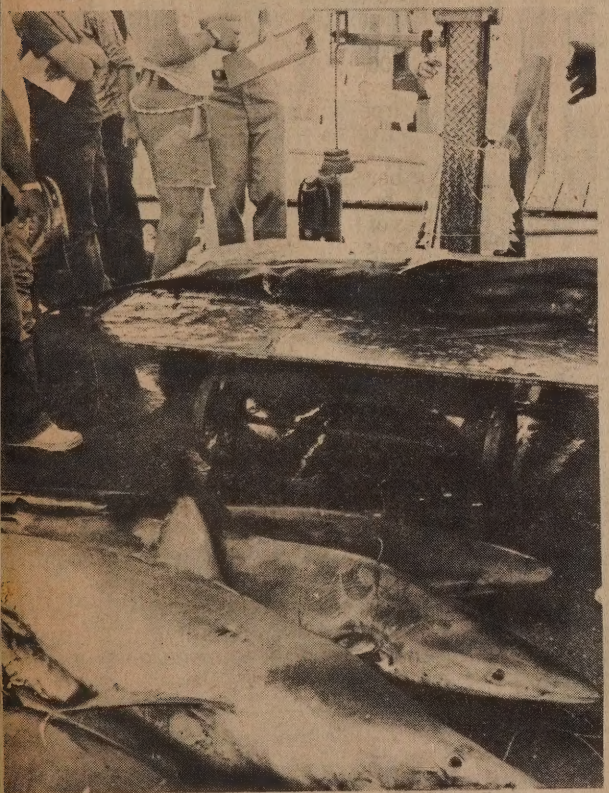
The Bay Shore Mako Tournament is not only the oldest of such contests drawing the largest entries, but it attracts a tremendous amount of spectator curiosity. There is no money to be won in this popular conflict—only prestige. Such prominence is highly gratifying when you know that you are number "ONE" among many of the finest big game anglers around Long Island.

Bay Shore Marina is all a bustle before the starting gun of the tournament with anglers receiving bait, gas and coffee cake.

Scalemaster reads out the official weight on this mako shark as 338½ pounds for permanent recording.

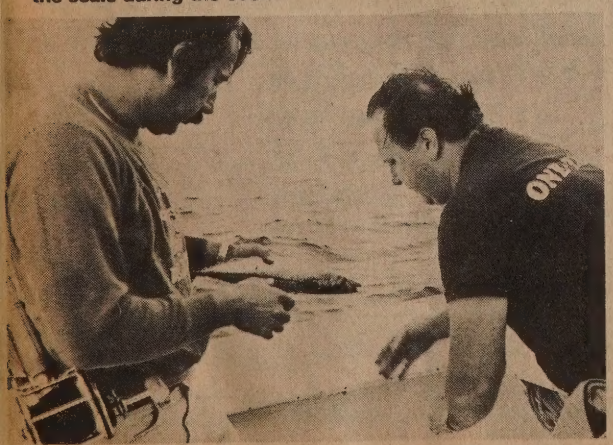
Boats silhouette the rising sun of daybreak as they charge for Fire Island Inlet and open shark water.

Biologists work down the lineup of blue sharks seeking vital information of the species.



Several blue sharks and a single mako take their turn on the scale during the event.

Official weight-recording board and time indicates the biggest sharks of the tournament and the day has ended.



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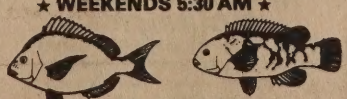

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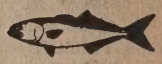

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MIXED BAG

Charter boat **Adios** called to say hat on Saturday's charter, Kay Caruso nailed a 25 lb. bass, while Ed Landgren bagged a 33 lb. bass. A otal of 10 were taken in the morning on the boat. On Sunday a total of 7 bass were decked with Judge Sidel getting a 37½ lber. The Judge is from Riverhead. Capt. Phil Lewis wishes to hank his friends and customers for making this a successful season.

Capt. Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper III** has been fishing the rips and the Sub Buoy this week and says he has taken bass every day this week. Blues still remain ready to help load up a bag. The big bass honors this week went to 12-yr. old Jerry Byrne of Levittown who brought to gaff a 38½ lb. striper on Sun. on an Ava Jig. This was Jerry's first striper.

Capt. Richie Rade on the **Marlin IV** reports his fares are getting a lot of big blackfish on green crab (available on boat). Some cod and pollack of "good eating size" are also being picked.

Charter boat **Julie III** reports Saturday's charter for John DiFalco and group had 48 blues from 8-15 lbs., 2 bonito and one 19 lb. striper on all Diamond jigs at the Sub Buoy. Sunday's charter for Rich Modula and group came up with 45 blacks from 3 to 10¼ lbs., fishing green crab at Washington Shoals.

The **Viking Fleet** reports cod action is spotty on the Block Island grounds. Fair catches of blackfish are mixed in. The codfishing should pick up nicely as the water temperature decreases. Catches of blues, bass and porgies have been only fair this past week, as water temperatures begin to drop.

Ian at **Star Island Yacht Club** tells us on Saturday Pete on the Three Bells had 15 green bonito and 30 blues on umbrellas fishing the ebb on the south side. Sat. also saw Bill Kellerman on his boat Karimi takew 10 large blacks from 8-12 lbs. on green crab at Cerebrus Shoals. He also got into big bluefish on Diamond jigs at the Sub Buoy. Dave McMan on the Marie III picked a good number of bass fishing umbrellas with dark tubes on the south side. The Four of Diamonds hung two teen bass Sunday at Pollack Rip.

To wrap up Sunday's picture, Lou Rosado, Mickey Chiarenza of Tri-Fin Mfg. and Stu Miller fishing in Lou's new Black-Fin, the Evalou II trolled umbrellas and diamond jigged on both the north and south sides for a half-day's haul of 42 bonito, 2 blues and an 8 lb. striper. The fish that were jigged were taken on prototype Tri-Fin Diamond jigs.

SOUTH FORK
★ BEST BET ★
FLOUNDER

SHINNECOCK

Speck's Bait & Tackle tells us there are still some bass hitting tubes and tins on the bottom along the Southampton Beaches and the fish are feeding on sand eels. Flounder still steady but small in Shinnecock Bay, Cedar Point, Noyac and Mill Creeks. There are no great numbers of keepers. Tom asks us to tell you he will be open Thanksgiving weekend.

The **Capt. Clark fleet** reports blackfishing is still good if the weather cooperates and no strong winds are around. He's having good and poor days this past week, with the weather a strong factor. Sea bass are dwindling. Saturday, November 18 is the final sailing date of the season. Capt. Clark Bellows Sr. and Jr. wish to thank their customers for their

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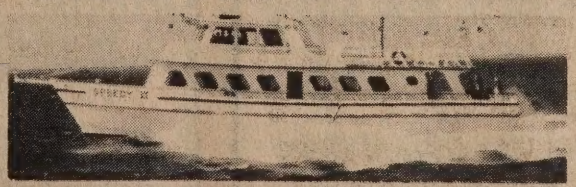

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MORICHES BAY

Jim at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** reports flounder fishing still good, though it was off the latter part of the week, due to the productive incoming tide being very late in the day Sat. and Sun. Those that stayed for the top of the tide did very well on the weekend. Gary Bender , Mike Green and Mark Chandler of Pa. had 63 blueclaw crabs and 22 keeper flounder Friday at Buoy 43. On Sun., Rick Latis and Ted Wallace of Bklyn., boated 43 keeper flounder and 12 midgets. This was at Havens Pt. and also east of buoy 42. Best areas are buoy 42, 43, 47, the Westhampton Bridge and Havens Pt. Worms and clam on the hook with chumming a critical factor and the flood tide best.

East Moriches Bait & Tackle tells us flounder fishing has been improving with best catches at the Coast Guard Station and Harts Cove. Al Lubbers had 27 flounder on bloods at buoy 54. Clam and mussel chum are important. Bluefishing offshore is improving with good catches on Sunday of fish up to 14 lbs. Stripers are still around John Frame picked up a 33 lber. on a live eel by the inlet where fish up to 40 lbs. have been taken. Blueclaw crabs are still in with many catches from 1/2 bushel and up.

GREAT SOUTH BAY
★ BEST BET ★
FLOUNDER

BAY SHORE

The Casey Lee reports flounder are being caught to the tune of 5-15 keepers per man everyday this past week, with some bigger fish now starting to show. The majority of the fish, however run to the small and medium size. Worms and clam are producing best.

CAPTREE

Charter boat **Lady Ann** reports that their first cod trip on Saturday for the Bay Shore Tuna Club resulted in 5 cod up to 28½ lbs., and 131 sea bass to 4 lbs. Plus a few odd porgies and blacks. The boat fished two wrecks SE of the Inlet.

Capt. Bob Patafio of the charter boat **Yankee** called to say th at Saturday's wreck trip brought forth 40 cod and pollack, cod running between 20-40 lbs. and 5 or 6 pollack going over 20 lbs. Pool fish was a 40 plus lb. cod caught by Jeff Belkin of Uniondale. Ron Jablonsky of Bayside was in 2nd place with a big cod, while Bob Bengin onNYC decked a pollack a little over 30. This was all on bait on one deep water wreck. Be sure to see the Yankee ad for dates of two more upcoming wreck trips.

The Captree Queens reports all week remained fair as far as the flounder went, fares averaging 10 keepers per man. Fish still on the small size with a showing of better sized fish. Tuesday's pool was 1 lb. 6 oz. Sunday's pool was 1 lb. 10 oz. The majority of fish again are small with

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Augie's Bait and Tackle reports that Al Giglio, Joe Costa and Ed Starks fished up 30 keeper flounder up to 2 lbs. 11 oz. fishing a couple of hundred ft. in front of the Babylon pool. Mussels were the bait and mussel and clam chum plus a stirred bottom got the fish going. Al has caught over 800 keeper flounder this season on 11 trips. Bill Heaton fishing the same area came up with a 2 lb. 5 oz. flounder on bloodworm, on the last of the flood. Ski says that with all the small fish around it looks like we'll have a great flounder spring. A few cod and some really tiny pollack are being brought in to the shop. These re being caught on offshore wrecks on clam.

High Hook Fishing Station reports his rental skiffs are enjoying good flou flounder catches between Bergen Pt. and the Babylon Pool on worms or clams, with corn or rice chum.

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Charlie's Bait & Tackle reports lots of flounder being caught at Sore Thumb, Babylon Flats, Cowans, Copiague Hole and the State Channel on worms, clam and chum on any moving water. Mixed sizes of blackfish are still to be had at the Kismet Reef on fiddlers and green crab with either slack best. Bass and blues are still being picked at the Inlet on live eels or bunker if you can get them. Dogfish are being caught on open bottom, which is a good cod sign.

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle reports good flounder catches at Massapequa Cove, Squaw and West Island, Four Corners and at the 2nd Wantagh bridge, fishing both sides of the high. Stripers and a lot of big blues are being trolled off the beaches on Lupo Bunker Spoons and Lupo Danny plugs.

MERRICK

Nick's Fishing Station reports Marty Marcus of Merrick boated a 28 lb. striper on an umbrella trolling off Long Beach while out after blues. Joe Dyamant took a 22 lb. bass off Gilgo Saturday on a Lupo Baby Bunker Spoon. Lots of small blues in 25-50 ft. of water from the golf ball to the pink hotel. Flounders remain spotty anywhere from 12-40 per skiff with worms working best and chumming with corn a must. One man in a skiff this week dropped right on top of a patch of flounder and pulled in 38 keepers before he ran out of bait.

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The Miss Freeport reports flounders were a good item this week right through Friday, but action as usual decreased on the weekend. Average catches were 15 keepers per person during the week, working local

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FALL FLOUNDER

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flounder start to waken in the spring they are very thin, having burned up most of their weight over the long winter, and it usually takes three or four weeks of heavy feeding before they are thick enough to get decent fillets out of them. But a ten inch flounder caught early in the season will only be about half the thickness of a ten-incher caught at the height of the fall run, and the resulting fillets will be thick and juicy. A spring fish that is on the borderline of being a "throwback" will be a "keeper" in the fall, and the flounder will be thicker and heavier all the way up the size range.

Another advantage of doing your serious flounder fishing in the fall rather than the spring, is the amount of competition from other flounder fishermen. Let's face it: everyone and his brother is a die-hard flounder fisherman in March, because we all have a bad case of cabin fever after sitting on our butts for three or four months. And because the flounder are usually the first fish to make their appearance in the spring and there is little else around to fish for, flounder get all the attention. But by the time that October and November roll around, everyone (at least **some** of us) has had their fill of fishing for larger species like fluke and bluefish, and it just seems a little much to go out there in the cold wind to catch a few flounder. As a result, it's not unusual to find you're fishing in a spot all alone in November, bailing fish in an area that would be bumper-to-bumper boats in March and April. This means that chumming is not as crucial in the fall because there is less competition for the available fish, but the old chum pot should still be used for best results.

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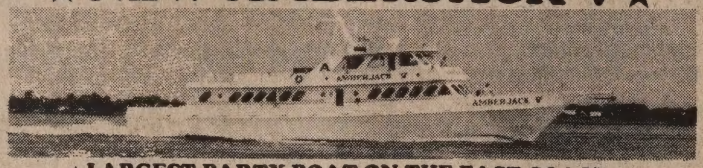

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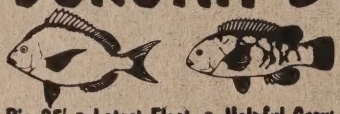

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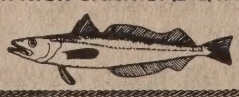

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The **Bluefin Fleet** called to say that both the **Bluefin** and the **Bluefin II** had good weekend offshore wreck fishing for mixed bags of blackfish, sea bass, ling, porgies, blues and bergalls fishing SW of Jones Inlet. Blacks went to 6 lbs. and the boat's first cod of the season was taken in 65 ft. of water. One of the blues caught was taken on a green crab.

The Starstream II has stopped bluefishing for the year and is now seeking the bottom dwellers sailing 6:30 a.m. daily. See ad for details.

The Capt. Al reports that he is now wreck fishing with 90% of his catches being on the bottom. This includes big sea bass and big porgies. The cold water is moving in and ling are moving in with it. John Gonchruk of Alberton had a 32. and a 15 lb. cod on Friday with 4 other cod coming over the rail Friday as well. Saturday fares boated 5 cod up to 10 lbs. and on Sunday, 7 cod came over the rail. Renee, a regular from Rockville Center bagged a 28 lb. cod. Catches are a real mixed bag. On Thurs. there was even a 5 lb. fluke taken. Some blacks and blues are mixed in as are pollack and big angler fish. The steady cod pick is a good sign of more cod to come.

Captain Spider on the **Aloma II** tells us that Sat. saw very good flounder fishing, averaging 10-25 keepers per person, fish up to 1½ lbs. all on worms. Sunday's fishing was tougher due to the weather. The boat, as you read this report, has switched over to ling and whiting. See ad for details.

Charter boat **The Rogue** called to tell us that during the week they had lots of flounder on clam working the area between Hudson and Woodcleft Canal. Friday night's group boated 3 small bass on Bunkie Lures, a homemade bunker-type lure made by Capt. Dave. These were caught 200 yds. off the Jones Inlet jetty.

On Tuesday, Capt. Walter Scott of the charter boat **Acme II** , fishing aboard Capt. Joe Long's Hunky Dory hooked, fought and boated a 43 lb. striper which he fooled with a strip of bunker. This was in about 35 ft. of water off the pink hotel.

POINT LOOKOUT

Scotty's Marina reported that bonito were taken in the Inlet by trollers looking for bluefish over the weekend. At least 12 of the lingering species were taken by the boats. Small bluefish are strung all along the beach for umbrella rig trollers and diamond jiggers. Nice size flounders running up to 1 lb. taking worms on the local flats. Surf casters continue to take bass in the 20 to 30 lb. range between Lido and Atlantic Beach on eels.

ISLAND PARK

Charlie of **Beckmann's Tackle** said that while the quantity of flounders is down the quality is up. Reynold's

NATIONAL SCENE

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the Boldt decision has led to virtual warfare. Federal Judge Boldt interpreted a treaty granting Indians the right to fish "in common" with the citizens to mean that the Indians were entitled to fifty percent of the harvest. The result has been severe restrictions on white fishermen, and a massacre of salmon by the Indians that has sportsmen and conservationists up in arms. As state courts have not agreed with the Federal ruling, the Federal courts have virtually taken over the fishery, and violence has become commonplace. A similar confrontation over Indian fishing rights is taking place in the Great Lakes. Indian tribes there are claiming they can't be bound by conservation regulations, and are netting sport fish with abandon. Similar confrontations may well occur throughout the country in the near future.

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Channel produced 31 good size fish for 1 customer on Saturday. Worms and clams both work but heavy chumming is necessary for a decent catch. There is still good blackfishing around the bridges but obtaining bait is becoming increasingly difficult. Some bass and blues are being trolled along the beach on Lupo bunker spoons.

The Commodore reports that Sat. was one of the best flounder days of the season. Phil Albright of Jamaica had 40 flounder including a 1 lb. 8 oz. fish. Herb and Charlotte Weinstein of Canarsie had 98 keepers. Frank Herskowitz and Marilyn Osias of Far Rockaway had 115 keeper flounders. Bill Strobel of Ronkokoma had 51 flounder. Neil Ross of Long Beach had 50. There were from 750 to 800 keeper flounder taken on the boat Sat. Sunday was a little tougher and Bill Strobel came back to take only 30 fish that day. Catches are all on worm and clam baits and Capt. Clem is working deep water in Reynolds Channel in 35-40 ft. depths. He's working buoy 9, 16, 18 and 20, and Clem says now's the time to fish flounders with him and fill the freezer.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy Rubin of **Hennings Fishing Station** reported that 1 boat on Saturday returned with 2 stripers taken on spoons off of Gilgo. The same anglers returned Sunday and struck out. Small blues were taken off of Long Beach on umbrella rigs on Saturday. Some nice size blacks taken at the Silver Point Jetty and Atlantic Beach Bridge but not to many. Some flounders at Buoy 9 and Cedarhurst Yacht Club on worms. Sy knew of a couple of cod taken on open bottom southeast of Fire Island Inlet on Saturday. Now for a believe it or not. Sy said that a dragger captain told of giant tuna swirling all around the boat during the middle of last week as they lifted their nets full of ling and whiting. This took place at the southern edge of the mudhole.

Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** reports bass fishing has been good all week for his charters, fish running from 10-35 lbs. on umbrellas and Lupo baby bunker spoons. Most fish have been caught "between the channels" or in the Sandy Hook rip. Blues have thinned out and are down in size also. Bass these days are mainly schoolies. Sunday, he tried to the east. Ronnie says a lot of good fishermen are zeroing out with bass. Good catches of mixed size blues are still being had, but even that is becoming sporadic. Ronnie asked us to try and make it clear to you that for every boat that catches a bass, 100 strike out...that this is NOT a big run of fish.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Joe of the **Atomic II** tells us Fri. saw excellent whiting fishing to

the tune of 20-40 per man fishing in 200 ft. of water at the south end of the Mud Hole, which is 40 mins. past the BA. Sunday there was excellent ling and blackfishing at the BA, while Sat., catches were fair on ling and whiting.

Capt. Fred on the **Amberjack V** tells us 51 mixed cod and pollack were taken on this past weekend's offshore wreck trip with the pool being a 45 lb. cod. There is another trip planned for this weekend. Blues on the day and night trips are fair.

Capt. Joe on the **Blue Sea III** tells us he has now switched over to ling and whiting and catches are anywhere from a half to a full 5 gal. bucket per man, right now mostly ling. He is working the area south of monster ledge. Fish are all good sized with ling from 1-4 lbs. and whiting from 1-2½ lbs.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny of **Santos Sport Shop** reported that the sensational fishing for bass and blues continue unabated into its 5th week. Lenny did not have to bother reading the list of weigh-ins he had prepared. Instead he had a list of fish weighed-in during the previous hour. Stan Giammalvo had fish of 26 and 33 lbs., Sam Mancino had a 36 pounder, Bill Surowiec had a 28 and 33, and Sal Spurge had a 21½ lb. striper. The bass are all being taken on outgoing water day or night. Deep swimming Danny plugs in rainbow or white account for most of the fish but every color has produced. The hot area is Fort Wadsworth to Great Kills Park. Big blues in the same area on bunker chunks. Boatmen have had good action off of Great Kills Park and Can 21 trolling spoons and drifting bunker. Stripers of 39½ and 45 lbs. were taken on bunker at Can 21 on Saturday. Fantastic bluefishing off of Pier 8 Stapleton for surfmen on bunker chunks. The fish run 10 to 13 lbs. The key to this hot fishing is the vast amount of bunker around. Fishing should hold as long as the big bait fish remain in the area. Flounders are available but not many people bothering due to the super bass and bluefishing. Can you blame them?

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BLACKFISH

GREENPORT

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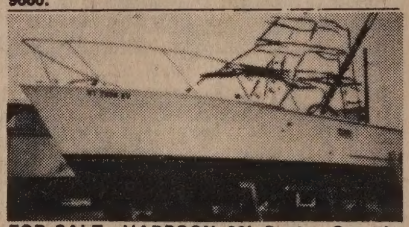

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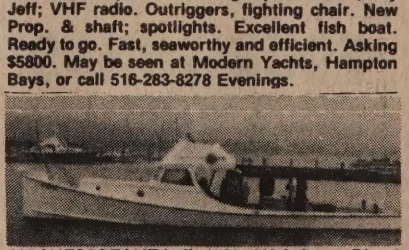

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bait by boats fishing off of East Marion. Surf casters have been doing well at Kenny's Beach on plugs and tin. Flounder fishing was also very good with the Orient State Park area producing some fine catches. Worms and clams both work for the flatties. Artie would like to take this opportunity to thank all of his customers for their patronage and to wish them a Happy Holiday season as he is closing up for the winter.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt Fishing Station reported very good fishing for blackfish up to 10 and 11 lbs. from Mulford Point to the Lighthouse. These fish are being taken on green crabs and hermit crabs. Flounder fishing is also very good along State Park Beach and in Petty's Bight. Skimmers produced best for the flounders. For surf casters bluefish from 5 to 14 lbs. have been taken at Kenny's Beach on tin. The Station will continue to cater to fishermen as long as weather and fish cooperate.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

★ BEST BET ★

BLUEFISH

ROCKY POINT

Stan of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reports that the bluefishing has been slow but the fish that are being taken are large. Jigging Ava 27's and trolling red umbrellas has been producing blues up to 16 lbs. The area between Buoy 9 and The Sound Beach Tower has been the most consistent producer. Blackfishing has been slow. The fish that are being taken are hitting green crabs and fiddler crabs at high tide between Miller Place and Wading River. There are some good size flounder in Mt. Sinai Harbor on worm and clam bait. Nary a word on bass.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Ralph's Fishing Station reported big blues at Buoy 11 and off of Miller Place trolled on big swimming plugs and umbrella rigs. Fish averaged 13 to 15 lbs. with an occasional 18 lbers. caught. Catches run as high as 25 per boat. There are flounder and tom cod inside the harbor taking worm bait. Best blackfishing is found in deep water on fiddlers and green crabs but this fishing is not what it should be.

KINGS PARK

Mae's Way Fishing Station reported that fishing for flounder and tom cod in the Harbor has been very good. Worms work best and the Yacht Club has been the best spot. Blackfishing has been slow in the area and there are bass and blues out in the Sound for those who wish to troll umbrella rigs.

NORTHPORT

Tom of **Bowman's Sporting Goods** reports that fishing is still quite good. There are bass and bluefish mixed in the Eatons Neck area. Ava 27's, umbrella rigs, and green and white bucktails all produce fish. On Saturday, young Mark Zanelli landed a bass and blue fishing with his Dad Mike. Some very good fishing for bass and blues going on along the beach from Crab Meadow to the Power Plant. Surf casters have been taking school bass and blues from 10 to 20 lbs. on poppers. No special tide or time. You just have to be at the right place at the right time. Flounder fishing good at Duck Island, the Airport Hanger and Sand City on worms. Blackfishing fair in all the local rocky areas on fiddler and green crabs.

HUNTINGTON

Capt. Don of the **Eveready** reported that Mark Zanelli landed the first striper of the season on an Ava 27 jig and also won the pool with a 12 lb. blue on Sunday's 5 a.m. run. The second run proved to be outstanding for flounders with many fish caught in the last few hours of the day. Capt. Don said that the remainder of the 9:15 to 4:15 p.m. run on Sundays will concentrate on blackfishing and flounder fishing.

George Valentine, **Four Winds Bait & Tackle** reported blues jigged and trolled on umbrellas at Buoy 13 and the Obstruction Buoy. 8 to 10 lb. weakfish as well as some school size stripers are mixed with the blues. Most productive spot for blacks has been Buoy 11B but the fishing is slow. Flounders running ½ to 1¼ lbs. in Huntington Harbor at Marshall Field and Lloyds Point on worms and mussels. Those who chum heavily with mussels make the best catches.

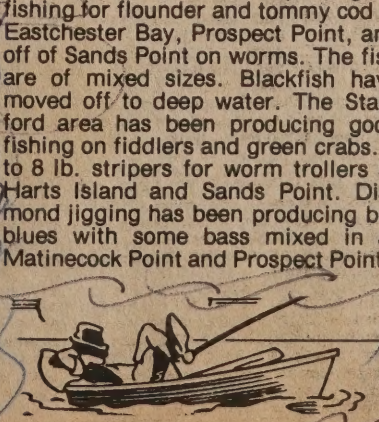
NORTH SHORE WEST END

★ BEST BET ★

FLOUNDER

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle reports good fishing for flounder and tommy cod in Eastchester Bay, Prospect Point, and off of Sands Point on worms. The fish are of mixed sizes. Blackfish have moved off to deep water. The Stanford area has been producing good fishing on fiddlers and green crabs. 3 to 8 lb. stripers for worm trollers at Harts Island and Sands Point. Diamond jigging has been producing big blues with some bass mixed in at Matinecock Point and Prospect Point.



HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	8:23	8:47	9:18	9:40	9:06	9:34	9:56	10:30	12:10	12:07	11:53	—	8:19	8:41	11/16
FRI.	9:01	9:31	9:58	10:20	9:50	10:19	10:38	11:12	12:42	12:31	12:24	12:35	9:01	9:24	11/17
SAT.	9:41	10:13	10:39	11:04	10:34	11:09	11:19	—	1:00	1:00	1:03	1:16	9:45	10:09	11/18
SUN.	10:23	11:01	11:21	11:50	11:19	11:57	12:01	12:05	1:30	1:35	1:47	1:58	10:30	10:57	11/19
MON.	11:06	11:49	—	12:08	—	12:02	12:50	12:53	2:07	2:19	2:31	2:43	11:18	11:48	11/20
TUE.	11:51	—	12:40	12:56	12:43	12:47	1:43	1:48	2:52	3:05	3:17	3:33	—	12:08	11/21
WED.	12:38	12:39	1:36	1:51	1:29	1:32	2:39	2:44	3:42	3:58	4:07	4:24	12:43	1:03	11/22
THUR.	1:29	1:34	2:33	2:47	2:17	2:21	3:34	4:41	4:37	4:56	4:59	5:19	1:39	1:59	11/23

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example. "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	+ 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

11/2	6:34	4:53
11/7	6:40	4:47
11/12	6:46	4:42
11/17	6:52	4:38
11/22	6:58	4:34
11/27	7:04	4:31

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
11/30	11/7	11/14	11/22

The Original Knight
SOLUNAR TABLES
When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	5:05	11:40	5:35	—
Fri.	5:50	12:15	6:25	12:40
Sat.	6:55	1:10	7:20	1:35
Sun.	7:55	2:00	8:10	2:25
Mon.	8:40	2:55	9:05	3:15
Tues.	9:30	3:45	9:55	4:10
Wed.	10:25	4:30	10:40	4:55
Thurs.	11:10	5:10	11:20	5:35